GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:105
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2009
NON-UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted funds to various State Governments under the scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a substantial part of the funds released remained un-utilised by States/Union Territories under the said scheme as reported in the Mint dated 27 January, 2009; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government to ensure proper utilization of funds in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 105 for 24.2.2009.

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing a non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces. Some of the major items covered under the Scheme include modern weaponry, construction of residential and non-residential buildings, mobility, communication/security/forensic science related equipment strengthening of intelligence branches, training infrastructure/facilities, etc. Under the MPF Scheme the State Governments are requested to formulate their requirements, which are considered and approved by Ministry of Home Affairs and funds are released to States under the Scheme.

Details of the year wise total funds released from 2000-01 to 2006-07 to various State Governments under the MRF Scheme and utilization reported by the State Governments thereon are as under:

(Amount in crore)

S. No.	Year	Funds released	Utilization reported by States	% of Utilization	Unspent balances
1.	2000-01	1000.00	1000.00	100%	0
2.	2001-02	1000.00	999.98	99.99%	0.02
3.	2002-03	695.00	695.00	100%	0
4.	2003-04	705.27	703.14	99.69%	2.13
5.	2004-05	960.00	957.80	99.77%	2.20

6. 2005-06 1025.00 1014.40 98.97% 10.60

7. 2006-07 1065.22 965.70 90.66% 99.52

During 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 1248.7 crore was released to State Governments.The utilization certificate for the funds released in the financial year 2007-08 would become due on 01.04.2009.

(c): As may be seen from the table, given in reply to parts (a) & (b), the utilization of funds ranges from 90.66% to 100%.

(d): Instructions have been issued from time to time to the State Governments to ensure proper and timely utilization of funds released during previous years as the funds are released in subsequent years on the basis of utilization certificates received from the States.The unspent balances,if any, for the previous financial years are adjusted while releasing funds in the subsequent year(s). In order to fulfill the objectives and to ensure the desired outcomes and impact, it has been decided to introduce concurrent audit on a quarterly basis starting from the last quarter of the present financial year. The audit observations will be utilized to guide the release of funds to the States in the succeeding quarters.